Delegate Luke Clippinger Chairman, House Judiciary Committee Maryland General Assembly House Office Building, Room 101 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Senator William C. Smith, Jr. Chairman, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Maryland General Assembly Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB1039/SB0743

Dear Chairman Clippinger, Chairman Smith, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Catherine Treaster. I am 64 years old. My adoption happened in 1961 after mother had passed. I was separated from my brother and sister. The day I was adopted the social worker told me to forget my family. I have a new family. I felt like my heart would break and I still cry when I think about it. Everyone has the right for happiness. For adoptees is that little piece of paper that tells who they were when they were born. Please give our rights back and pass HB1039 and SB0743.

Thank you.

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